

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2344 without my signature.

This bill would increase license fees on retailers that sell tobacco. I do not believe it is fair to the thousands of small retailers impacted by this bill to increase fees at this time. There is a significant surplus of funds from Proposition 10 available to cover the enforcement costs of this program.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger